

A THIRD OLYMPIC QUIZ

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In August 1976, **Word Ways** presented a quiz of mine called "An Olympic Quiz". Readers were given 60 common words, ranging in length from one to seven letters, and asked to combine each of these in turn with the letters of OLYMPIC to make a new word. For example, GALA plus OLYMPIC gives POLYGAMICAL, and REACH plus OLYMPIC gives both MICROCEPHALY and PYROCHEMICAL.

Eight years later, in May 1984, **Word Ways** ran "An Olympic Quiz, 1984 Style". In the intervening years, I had toiled away to produce a further 60 words which could be combined with OLYMPIC. This time, I managed to include words ranging in length from one to nine letters. For example, E plus OLYMPIC gives POLYEMIC, and CHLORATES plus OLYMPIC gives THERMOSCOPICALLY.

I see that another eight years have passed. I have not been idle during that time. Another batch of 60 words has been discovered, all of which will combine with the letters of OLYMPIC. The following list covers lengths of two to eight letters. Take each of the words in the following list, merge the letters with those of OLYMPIC, and create a new word. Although there are quite a few everyday words here, I have had to include a fair sprinkling of less-common words. All are in the Merriam-Webster unabridged dictionaries except for GLYN and BEHRENS (Random House Unabridged), GREN (Chambers English Dictionary), and BIRSIEST and ORNATER (Official Scrabble Words).

ag	bestain	hae	ornater	talced
already	birsiest	hat	petal	te
artic	cache	hate	rebaters	then
artistic	chat	he	rhyme	thetes
ashine	cleat	headpost	rich	thine
aslant	diamine	hermes	rota	tic
ba	enate	Hoh	sedation	to
bailor	erode	hoten	Serbs	tours
ban	fors	Houdans	shogs	undæes
bat	gannets	hove	smoring	urnings
beaches	Glyn	meshier	solation	zeroed
Behrens	gren	nash	sum	zeroing

Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.